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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN COUNCIL JULY 17: DECLARATION ON THE
UNITED NATIONS

1. SUMMARY: AT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL (HEADS OF GOVERNMENT)
WHICH MET IN BRUSSELS ON JULY 17, THE LEADERS OF THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ISSUED A STATEMENT (TEXT GIVEN BELOW)
REITERATING THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND
DECLARING THEIR INTENTION TO "DEFEND AND PROMOTE RESPECT
FOR THE CHARTER, FOR THE RIGHTS OF MEMBER STATES AND FOR
THE EXISTING RULES OF PROCEDURE." THIS DECLARATION,
ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, WAS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO
SUPPORT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REMARKS ON THE UN IN
MILWAUKEE AND TO RESPOND TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE ISLAMIC
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FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN JIDDA CALLING FOR

ISRAEL'S OUSTER FROM THE UN. END SUMMARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: HAVING REFERRED TO THE SITUATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS, WHICH ARE CELEBRATING THEIR 30 TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FORTHCOMING SPECIAL AND ORDINARY SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE HEADS OF STATE AND OF GOVERNMENT EMPHASIZE THAT THE INCREASING INTERDEPENDENCE OF COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES MULTIPLIES THE PROBLEMS WHICH MUST BE SOLVED AT WORLD LEVEL.

3. THE NINE WISH TO REITERATE THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THE UNITED NATIONS AS THE MAIN ORGAN OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION. THEY AFFIRM THE NEED TO INCREASE THE PART PLAYED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND THEIR EFFICIENCY AS A UNIVERSAL AND INDISPENSABLE INSTRUMENT OF WORLDWIDE DIALOGUE AND CO-OPERATION.

4. THE NINE INTEND TO DEFEND AND PROMOTE RESPECT FOR THE CHARTER, FOR THE RIGHTS OF MEMBER STATES AND FOR THE EXISTING RULES OF PROCEDURE. SUCH RESPECT FORMS THE BASIS OF THE CONFIDENCE WHICH NATIONS HAVE IN THE ORGANIZATION. THE NINE THEREFORE CONSIDER THAT ANY VIOLATION OF THIS PRINCIPLE WOULD PREVENT THE UNITED NATIONS FROM PLAYING THEIR ALLOTTED PART.

5. THE NINE WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO MORE JUST INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, BETTER PRESERVATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE AND EQUALITY OF STATES, MORE FAIRLY-SHARED PROSPERITY AND INCREASED SECURITY FOR ALL (DUCMENT OF 14 DECEMBER 1973). THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT THEIR UNION WILL BENEFIT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE AND THAT, WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS IN PARTICULAR, IT WILL CONSTITUTE A BALANCING FACTOR AND A FOCAL POINT FOR CO-OPERATION.

6. WITH THIS IN MIND, THE NINE DECLARE THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SET ASIDE ANY OBSTACLES TO CO-ORDINATION OF THEIR VIEWS SO THAT THE COMMUNITY, WITH ALL THE WEIGHT OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, CAN ACT TO PROMOTE CONCILIMATED OFFICIAL USE

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ATION AND DIALOGUE AND, CONSEQUENTLY, THE STRENGTHENING OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THEY WILL ENDEAVOUR TO ENSURE THAT THE UNITED NATIONS ACHIEVE THEIR AIMS, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE, THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND CONFLICTS, THE FURTHERANCE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS, THE DEFENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND HUMANITARIAN ACTIONS.

7. MOVED BY A COMMON WISH FOR DIALOGUE, THE COMMUNITY AND THE MEMBER STATES WILL SUBMIT TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, IN THE APPROPRIATE SETTINGS, PROPOSALS FOR ACTION ON A BALANCED RANGE OF SUBJECTS CORRESPONDING TO THE MAJOR PREOCCUPATIONS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION. SPECIAL ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE POOREST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

8. AS REGARDS TO SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION, THE AIM TO BE PURSUED BY THE COMMUNITY AND THE MEMBER STATES IS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF REAL PROGRESS TOWARDS A MORE BALANCED AND EQUITABLE PATTERN OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, WHICH WILL INVOLVE STRENGTHENING THE POSITION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

9. WHILE AFFIRMING THE IDENTITY OF THE COMMUNITY, THE NINE CONFIRM THEIR DETERMINATION TO PLAY AN ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE INTENTION OF OPENING UP THE WIDEST POSSIBLE CHANNELS FOR CO-OPERATION. END TEXT.

10. THE EC PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES HAD FOR SOME WEEKS BEEN CONSIDERING THE ADOPTION OF A DECLARATION ON THE WORKING METHODS OF THE U.N. WHICH THEY INTENDED TO RELEASE PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA. BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN INSISTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE TEXT PREPARED IN ADVANCE OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL BE REVISED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF BOTH THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS IN JIDDA AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MILWAUKEE.

11. ALTHOUGH THE DECLARATION DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTION ISRAEL, THE REFERENCE TO THE "RIGHTS OF MEMBER STATES AND . . . THE EXISTING RULES OF PROCEDURE" WAS INTENDED TO REFLECT EUROPEAN CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBLE EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. PRESUMABLY FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS, THE VARIOUS MEMBER STATES' PRESS SPOKESMEN HAVE EXPLICITLY POINTED TO THESE PHRASES AS EVIDENCE OF EUROPEAN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL. GREENWALD

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